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1. CHARGE JULY 5 VERBALLY OUTLINED POINTS IN REF A TO
FOREIGN MINISTRY POLITICAL CHIEF SADEK SULAIMAN. STRESS
WAS PUT ON WASHINGTON'S SENSITIVITY TO CONCERNS OF
PENINSULA GOVERNMENTS ABOUT SOVIET INTENTIONS AND ON
USG WISH TO CONSULT WITH FRIENDLY PENINSULA STATES ON
THIS MATTER. BOTH AFGHANISTAN AND IRAN WERE COVERED.

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CONCERNING AFGHANISTAN, SULAIMAN SEEMED PARTICULARLY
INTERESTED THAT WE REGARD PRESENT PAK-AFGHAN BORDER AS
RECOGNIZED BOUNDARY, FOR HE TOOK WRITTEN NOTE OF THIS
POINT. ON IRAN, CHARGE NOTED THAT OMAN IS NO STRANGER
TO IDEA OF COOPERATION WITH SHAH ON MUTUAL SECURITY,
AND SULAIMAN NODDED AGREEMENT.

2. CONVERSATION PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY TO SOUND OUT OMANGOV ON GULF SECURITY DEVELOPMENTS SINCE 1976 MUSCAT CONFERENCE. CHARGE ASKED ABOUT THIS IN GENERAL TERMS, WITHOUT MENTIONING FLORA LEWIS ARTICLE OR OTHER RECENT SPECULATION. SULAIMAN SAID THERE HAS BEEN VERY LITTLE FORWARD MOTION. IRAN WOULD LIKE A FORMAL PACT, BUT IRAQ REMAINS AGAINST THIS AND IN FACT RESISTS IDEA OF MUTUAL SECURITY IN GENERAL. SULAIMAN DID NOT THINK THIS IRAQI ATTITUDE WOULD CHANGE. THE SAUDIS ARE AMBIVALENT ABOUT COOPERATION WITH IRAN. OMAN IS WILLING TO HVE EITHER A FORMAL OR AN INFORMAL ARRANGEMENT, DEPENDING ON WHAT OTHERS WANT.

3. SULAIMAN ADDED THAT FUTURE TRENDS WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE PERCEPTION AMONG GULF STATES OF OUTSIDE THREATS. THE RECENT "UNFOLDING OF THE SOVIET DESIGN" IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD HAS ALREADY HEIGHTENED THE CONCERN OF THE RREGION'S STATES, HE NOTED.
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